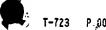
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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed December 18, 2002, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.